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1. Orders for seizure for security reasons have recently been issued on the orders of Military Governor Brig. Gen. Motta Gur for an area of 20,000 dunams in the northern Sinai (near Rafah).
2. The land is part of the land belonging to the Development Authority of the Egyptian government. Five hundred families of nomadic Bedouins live on this land. They have cultivated the land under lease to the Government of Egypt. They will be evacuated and paid compensation.
3. The seizure, as noted, is for security reasons, and at the first stage, military units will be brought into the area. However, for your information, repeat, for your information only, in several months, NAHAL units will be brought in and establish two to three settlements.

You may use paragraphs 1 and 2 should you be asked.

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